

## Temperance Column.

Annual Meeting of the State Temperance Society.

The Annual Meeting of the State Temperance Society will be held at St. Albans, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th of December.

The exercises will be as follows:

Tuesday, 10 A. M.—Organization and Report of General Agent, Rev. W. W. Atwater, of Vergennes.

Tuesday, 2 P. M.—Report of the Statistical Secretary, Rev. P. H. White, of Coventry.

Tuesday Evening—Address by Prof. Henry E. Parker, of Dartmouth College.

Wednesday, 10 A. M.—Report of Committee on Finance, by Dr. Sheldon, of Rutland.

Wednesday, 2 P. M.—Report of the Executive Committee, by Rev. B. F. Day, of Hartford.

The subjects of these various reports will be open for general discussion.

All Churches and Temperance organizations are invited to send delegates.

In behalf of the Ex. Com.

B. F. Day, Chairman.

## Temperance in Vermont.

The State Temperance Society is well organized and doing an effective work. A plan for town societies has been recommended, and nearly one hundred have been organized the past year, auxiliary to the State Society, with several distinct and juvenile societies auxiliary to these. These societies meet quarterly, or should do so by their constitution.

The State Agent has been active in the work, and makes a strong appeal to the officers of the organization and friends of the cause, from which we extract the following:

"The cause is worthy. Will the ministers see to this? They are the proper guardians of the public morals. If they neglect the temperance reform, they can not complain if men of the world are careless of it. I therefore confidently exhort all pastors of churches to see that our temperance societies already organized hold their meetings regularly, and that new societies be formed in towns where there are none in operation, without waiting for the arrival of the Agent. Printed copies of the constitution can be obtained by mail, by addressing me at Vergennes. These organizations have no doubt accomplished much good in many places. They have held the rum-traffic in check, and hundreds have signed the pledge of honor and kept it, who might otherwise have taken swift steps to ruin. Incidents have occurred in some of our meetings, in which the pledge has been signed under circumstances calculated to draw tears from eyes unused to weep. There is no good reason why an intense feeling should not everywhere prevail on this subject, while we see the destroying work of intoxicating drinks."

The temperance work is inseparably connected with our religion, as well as our philanthropy.

Intemperance is admitted to be one of the most serious obstacles to the progress of the Gospel. We can not consistently offer the prayer, 'Thy kingdom come,' unless we labor to gather out the stones and prepare the way of the Lord. 'A great work is before us—an irrepressible conflict'—and those who are foremost in it, most earnest and persistent, contending against discouragement and apathy, as well as direct opposition, shall in no wise lose their reward.

"W. W. ATWATER, Ag't State Society."

The following resolutions, adopted by the New York Temperance Conference Convention, are admirable. Nothing less than the line of action marked out in them can satisfy the demands of duty:

*Resolved*, That we regard the use of wine and other liquors, in social and domestic life, as fraught with the direst consequences, especially to the young, and we earnestly urge our people totally to avoid and disown such practice.

*Resolved*, That, recognizing the influence of early associations, we recommend that all our Sabbath Schools be organized into auxiliary temperance societies, pledged to the principles of total abstinence.

*Resolved*, That, regarding the pulpit as divinely constituted agency for the rebuke of sin and the inculcation of righteousness, we urge all our ministers to deal directly, pointedly and fearlessly with this appalling vice.

*Resolved*, That, while we extend to all temperance organizations our hearty sympathy and will co-operate with them in all laudable efforts for the suppression of this vice, we yet believe the church of Christ ought to lead in every moral reform and look for final success only through the leading influence of Christianity.

Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers, private Christians, do you endorse these resolutions? Then, without delay, do your individual duty in giving them practical power in the community where you live.

CHAMPAGNE.—Some cider or whisky, some water, some fixed air, some sugar of lead, &c., form the compound. When this fabricated mixture circulates in the country, it is generally sold as pure, and our young men often quaff it at two dollars the bottle, and an advance on the original cost of only eleven hundred per cent.

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